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WE HAVE CONCURRED IN THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM GENERAL SCHULTZ TO GEN BROWN:

QUOTE. SUBJECT: DEFENSE SYSTEMS APPLICATION PROGRAM (DSAP) SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (U)

1. (S) THE DECLASSIFICATION AND RELEASE OF DSAP WEATHER PRODUCTS TO THE NEW MEDIA HAVE POSED A DIFFICULT PROBLEM FOR SAMSO, PRIMARILY BECAUSE THE SAMSO/DSAP INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROGRAM REMAINS CLASSIFIED.

2. (S) WE ANTICIPATE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WEATHER

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SATELLITE DIRECTLY FROM THE MEDIA AND DURING PUBLIC APPEARANCES BY SAMSO REPRESENTATIVES. IF OUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE WEATHER SATELLITE PROGRAM CAN BE DECLASSIFIED, THEN SAMSO CAN RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY, WITHOUT EMBARRASSING THE AIR FORCE OR VIOLATING SECURITY DIRECTIVES.

3. (S) IT APPEARS THAT THE BEST INTEREST OF THE DOD AND THE AIR FORCE CAN BE SERVED BY DECLASSIFYING SAMSO INVOLVEMENT, REVIEWING OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM FOR DECLASSIFICATION, AND INITIATING A LOW KEY INFORMATION POLICY; I.E., NO VOLUNTARY RELEASE, BUT PREPARE A LIST OF ANSWERS TO LIGITIMATE QUERIES.

4. (U) IN VIEW OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, I SUGGEST THAT YOU RECOMMEND TO THE AIR STAFF A RE-EVALUATION OF THE DSAP SECURITY POLICY. IF THEY AGREE, YOUR STAFF (SDSS) AND MY PROGRAM OFFICE CAN PROVIDE THE SUGGESTED RESPONSES TO QUERIES AND CHANGES TO THE SECURITY CLASSIFICATION GUIDE.

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